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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of : Walter STOEPLER et al Applicants Application No. : PCT/EP98/06694 ) PRELIMINARY ) AMENDMENT : October 21, 1998 Filed National Stage : Concurrently Entry : CATALYTIC CONVERTER, For ESPECIALLY FOR MOTOR VEHICLES, AND METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION THEREOF Attorney Docket : 32325-160414 June 5, 2000 Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 Attention: PCT-DO/US Sir: Please amend the above-identified application as

follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 4,

Line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 5,

Line 1, change "one of the claims 1-4" to --claim